

Horticulture.

A WARNING FROM SPOKANE.

EDITOR RANCHE AND RANGE:—
We have just received a shipment of apples from your section, and are somewhat disappointed. We supposed shippers from your point knew how to pack and ship fruit, but we find these apples not graded and do not show any care in packing. Nothing but first-class fruit sell in this market; does not pay to ship anything else. By calling the attention of shippers through your valuable paper to this fact it may greatly benefit shippers and commission men. W. H. CUSICK & Co.
Spokane, Wash., July 24, 1897.

OVERSUPPLY OF EARLY FRUITS.

J. M. Hixson, of Seattle, who has earned the reputation of stating things fairly and without coloring, writes that that market is overstocked with all kinds of summer fruits. He states that produce can be laid down from California at 30 to 50 per cent less than from Central Washington: He continues:

"While it is very just and very patriotic to patronize home products, there are not many people if they can get California Crawfords for 50 to 60 cents will pay 75 cents for Yakimas or Wenatchees. While we do not want to discourage the Washington orchardists, we want them to look facts in the face. If they want to sell their fruit in this market this year to any advantage they must discard all inferior fruit. Ship nothing but good stock and that in the most attractive style, so it can be reshipped. We have been snowed under already on peaches and apricots from California and Oregon. The peach glut has passed by, those rotting that could not be sold, but there are lots of apricots not yet rotted and more coming from Wenatchee daily. Peaches today are brisk at 40 to 50 cents per box for Wenatchees; but like all that have come in so far they are Alexanders, Brigg's Early, May and Hale's Early, none of which are any good, neither free nor cling, but a mongrel. Some Crawfords or any good free from the pit would sell 65 to 75 today if good size. I was over at Portland this week and the merchants there are overstocked with the early variety of peaches, and wanted to send me all I would take. I told them I was much obliged, but there was plenty coming to Seattle. They are very much discouraged, saying they did

not know what they were to do. They could not see anything but the dump pile ahead. They said they were writing to their customers to only ship their very best and get some pigs to feed the rest to, which I think is sensible advice. We will do the best we can with whatever is entrusted to us, but we have no bright prospects ahead."

O. C. McManus, of Mission, Wash., reports to the Wenatchee Advance that his apricot crop is short in quantity but extra good in quality. The peach and apricot crops of Mission and Wenatchee are generally short this year. The general experience seems to be that those orchards which were not irrigated at all are in better condition than those that were irrigated and those irrigated latest in the season are the worst off. The November cold snap came so early that the trees which were kept growing by the application of water, had not matured their wood growth and were in a very tender condition while those which had not been irrigated were better prepared to meet the unusually cold weather.

Melons from Yakima will be well in the markets within a week.

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